

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1276

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to commend Sarah Al-Zhyri for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session, this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Al-Zhyri is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland; Ms. Al-Zhyri's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Austin Peay State University (APSU), where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Al-Zhyri has maintained a 3.8 grade point average while pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a minor in International Studies and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at APSU, Ms. Al-Zhyri has served the Pre-Law Society as secretary and Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society as president; her academic credentials have been validated by her induction into Alpha Lambda Delta for ranking in the top ten percent of her freshman class and the National Honor Society of Leadership and Success; and

WHEREAS, she believes strongly in giving back to her community, and to that end, she has volunteered at Regents Medical Center, Waters of Robinson Nursing Home, and Walking Horse Meadows; and

WHEREAS, during her internship with the Merry in God Foundation/Law Firm of Dr. Merriel Bullock-Neal, Ms. Al-Zhyri was a valuable asset to the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Conference on Juvenile Justice and the Disproportionate Minority Task Force; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, she is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her mother, Melissa Mogan; father, Abbas Al-Zhyri; aunt, Edie Dean; uncle, Scottie Dean; and pets, Shae and Vivvie; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding scholar plans to attend law school after graduating from APSU; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further her studies, Sarah Al-Zhyri brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2020 session of the One Hundred Eleventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2020 legislative session, she has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Al-Zhyri has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; her colleagues admire her as a true professional with an excellent work ethic and have greatly enjoyed serving alongside her; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Sarah Al-Zhyri for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.